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## EDITORS IN ANNUAL MEET

Were the Guests of the Chattanooga Press Boys.

## HEDGE IS NOW PRESIDENT

Editor of the Athens Athenian is Honored With the Highest Office in the Association—Great Banquet Tendered the East Tennessee Editors, Many Amusing Features Being Included In The Program.

The East Tennessee Press association held its third annual meeting at Chattanooga, Friday. Several very interesting papers were read after which J. B. Hedge of the Athens Athenian was elected President. H. O. Eckle of Sevierville gave him a close race for the honor, Mr. Hedge having a majority of two votes. Mr. Eckles was then elected Vice President and E. M. Hardy of the Morristown Sun was named as Secretary.

President Hedge named the following executive committee: Ben Haynes of Tazewell; H. M. Linn of Cleveland; B. I. Susong of Newport; T. F. Peck of Nashville and W. D. Lyon of Bluff City. The president also named an advertising committee composed of Walter Franklin of Cleveland; B. I. Susong of Newport and T. U. Crowley of Clinton.

At 9 o'clock Friday evening about 150 guests sat down to a dinner, with the Chattanooga Press as hosts. It was an elaborate affair with several interesting features. The toastmaster was supplied with a cow bell, with which to maintain order. The bell also rang when anyone stretched the truth too far. The toastmaster interrupted the proceedings several times by reading telegrams, although there was a suggestion that these telegrams had been faked. A few of them follow:

Ben W. Hooper, Nashville.

The steel trust will give \$100,000 for Tennessee legislature. We want to get the bolts out of them.—Signed, CHAS. M. SCHWAB.

H. M. Linn, Hotel Patton.

The policy of your paper indicates that you are against all form of government, especially my administration. Will you keep quiet if I award you the State printing.—Signed, B. W. HOOPER.

Bob Williams, Hotel Patton.

Invite all the boys up to the exposition. Tell them to get off at Lonsdale. Knoxville is nine miles east. We will not have a flood here as the government has refused to let the river stop at this point.—Signed, S. G. HEISKELL, Mayor.

B. I. Susong, Hotel Patton.

Have appointed you private secretary. Will you accept?—Signed, B. W. HOOPER.

Bill Montgomery, Hotel Patton.

Can't consider your application for the Sevierville postmasterhip. Hooper recommends you, but your fervent piety renders you unfit as a politician.—Signed, SAM R. SELLS.

There were many more of the same vein and the crowd was in good humor throughout.

There were numerous toasts, with Judge Ben McKenzie carrying off the honors of the evening with a witty discourse on Ben Franklin and country editors in general.

## TWO MOONSHINERS KILLED IN RAID

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 11.—In a battle yesterday between revenue men and moonshiners in the mountains of Morgan county, Morgan Kidd was killed and his brother, John Kidd, was fatally injured. United States Deputy Marshal Sherman Lewis was shot through the shoulder and is in a serious condition. The still was destroyed.

## DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN SULLIVAN CO.

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 11.—Barns were burned, horses and other animals killed and much other damage done by a storm in Sullivan county this morning. John Harris, living on Horse Creek, lost his barn, six horses, a thousand bushels of wheat, hay, farming implements, etc., when the barn was struck by lightning and burned. Sam Pence of Arcadia lost his barn and suffered a heavy loss in the same manner.

## NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Rev. Charles Stelzle, Labor Preacher and Sociologist.



Rev. Charles Stelzle, for ten years in charge of the social service work of the national Presbyterian church, has resigned his position as superintendent of the bureau of social service of the board of home missions in order to enter the broader field of general social service and church efficiency upon an undenominational basis. Mr. Stelzle will become a "consulting sociologist" for national church organizations, social service agencies and industrial enterprises. This is probably the pioneer effort in this direction, particularly with regard to religious organizations.

Mr. Stelzle is the machinist who became a preacher after twelve years' experience in the shop, for the purpose of trying to break down the antagonism existing between the workman and the church, and to introduce in the church in a national way the principles of industrial efficiency. He organized the department of church and labor for the Presbyterians, the first bureau of its kind to be established by any denomination. Similar departments have since been organized by nearly a dozen of the leading denominations in the United States.

One of the enterprises that he established for the purpose of talking out with workmen their own problems is the Labor temple in lower New York, in the most densely populated section in the city.

### Explorer Stefansson.

Another attempt to penetrate the mysteries of the ice framed north is now under way. Vilhjalmur Stefansson's expedition to explore the unknown arctic region bordering on the north pole and to define the limits of the new continent which Stefansson believes to exist there having sailed on June 17 from Victoria, B. C. The



vessel is in command of Captain Robert Bartlett, who commanded Rear Admiral Peary's vessel, the Roosevelt, on Peary's journey to the north pole. With Captain Bartlett on the steam whaler Karluk, on which the expedition sailed, was Dr. Robert Anderson, codiscoverer with Stefansson of the blond Eskimos on Stefansson's last journey in the arctic.

Explorer Stefansson, who will join

## CHILDREN MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

County Superintendent O. L. McMahan Explains Some of the Features of the Compulsory Education Law, and Asks That the Patrons of the School Give Him Their Co-operation in the Enforcing of the Law.

In order that the patrons of the public schools of Cocke county may have a clear understanding of the new State-wide Compulsory School Law, passed during the last session of the General Assembly, I desire to give a synopsis of the applicable parts of this bill, which are required to be and must be enforced in the several localities of this county where it is at all practicable. The "title" paragraph of the bill is given as follows:

"An act to regulate and require the attendance of school children upon schools in all the counties of the State of Tennessee, and to provide means for the enforcement of this act."

### SYNOPSIS

Section 1 of this bill clearly sets forth, "That every parent, guardian or other person, in the counties of the State of Tennessee, having charge or control of any child between the age of eight and fourteen years, inclusive, shall cause such child to be enrolled in and attend some day school, private or parochial, for eighty consecutive days, or when the school term is less than eighty days in length for the full term, in each year. PROVIDED FURTHER, That any parent, guardian or other person, having charge or control of any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who is not actively and regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful employment or service, or who is unable to read and write, shall cause such child to attend school as herein provided for children between the ages of eight and fourteen."

The requirements of the above section are that every single child between the ages of eight and fourteen must attend some school, public, private or parochial, eighty consecutive days providing the school is eighty days in. The word consecutive means one day after another, from week to week until the eighty days have been put in. Further, according to the last part of the above section, all children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen must attend regularly, unless engaged in some regular and lawful useful employment. Those between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who cannot read and write are not excused by the above reasons but are required to attend regularly, as in the case of those between the ages of eight and fourteen.

### THE ONLY LAWFUL EXCUSES

Section 2 states that children between the ages aforesaid may be excused temporarily from complying with the provisions of this Act, in whole or in part, if it be shown to a court of competent jurisdiction or a County or City Board of Education having control of the school to which said child belongs, that the parent, guardian or other person having control of the child is not able, through extreme destitution to provide proper clothing for said child; or that the child is mentally or physically incapacitated to attend school for the whole period or in part. Or if the school to which the child belongs is more than two miles by the nearest traveled road, private or public, from the residence of the child,

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## ADDRESS BY GOV. HOOPER

Delivered to 1,200 Convicts in Penitentiary Was Masterpiece.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Governor Hooper addressed 1,200 convicts at the state prison here today, explaining the features of the prison parole bill, which passed the present legislature, as the result of the strenuous fight that the chief executive has waged for the law ever since he has occupied his present position.

The governor has delivered no stronger speech since he has been in public life. It was a masterpiece of rhetoric and touched the hearts chords of the men who heard him. It was a straight from the shoulder address delivered in language that the men could understand but the sentiments expressed were literature.

"I have seen a pile of ashes still and apparently dead," said the governor, "with no smoke and no fire. I have stirred these ashes with a stick and have seen the sparks fly out and the flames shoot upward and I have wondered if life and character are not often covered up with misdeeds and by reaching down beneath the misdeeds we might find a heart of gold and nobility of honor. It is the business of the prison officials to stir beneath and find these flames of character. It is not their business to wreak vengeance on the prisoner for what he has done, but to make a better citizen of him. Folks are the greatest things in the world. We have all heard and read about the conservation of forest, of mountains and streams, but the conservation and salvation of men both here and hereafter is of paramount importance to us all."

## TO MEMORY OF SOLDIERS

Monument to be Decorated at Elizabethton With Distinguished Citizens Present.

Elizabethton, Tenn., Aug. 10.—The citizens of Carter county will formally dedicate the monument recently erected to the memory of soldiers of this county on October 9 and 10. This monument is located at Elizabethton, the metropolis of Carter county, and bears inscriptions in memory of a number of the noted men of that county who figured in the wars in which this country has been engaged. Heroes of the revolution and the boys who wore the blue and the boys who wore the gray are honored alike in this shift. The cost of the monument, which is of concrete, bearing marble tablets, is about \$5,000. The speakers slated for this occasion are: Senator John K. Shields, Gov. B. W. Hooper, of Tennessee; Gen. Harvey Hannah and Congressman Sam R. Sells.

## JAMES R. HARRISON PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD

A large crowd, probably the largest which has ever attended a funeral in that section, gathered at Grahams Chapel, in the Taylor Bend, Jefferson

county, Sunday, to pay their last tribute to Col. James Rogers Harrison the last of the pioneer settlers of the Taylor Bend, whose death occurred last Saturday. Col. Harrison died at about 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the brick dwelling he had erected shortly after the war. On the same lot stood the dwelling in which he was born November 28th, 1826, and he had resided all his life on the farm, where death came to him.

He had never held public office, was

simply a leading citizen, a prosperous farmer and stock man, and he was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

In the olden days there were something like thirty of the Harrisons, Moores and Taylors who made their residence in the Taylor Bend, and it was a prosperous and well to do community, but with Mr. Harrison's death, all of the pioneers have disappeared and all of the valued farm land owned by the three families has passed into other hands, with the one exception of the Harrison place which is in charge of two of Mr. Harrison's sons.

Seven children live to mourn the

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## NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Frederic C. Penfield Named For Austria-Hungary.



Photo by American Press Association.

Frederic Courtland Penfield, whom President Wilson has named as ambassador to Austria-Hungary and who was diplomatic agent and consul general to Egypt, with the rank of minister resident, from 1893 to 1897, was born in Connecticut on April 23, 1855. He was graduated from Russell's Military school at New Haven and took up special studies in Germany. He served on the Hartford Courant, leaving that paper in 1885 to become vice consul at London. Following his retirement from the London post he wrote extensively on world politics and international affairs.

On Grover Cleveland's second election Mr. Penfield served as an expert adviser on the requisites of an improved foreign service. In 1893 he was minister to Argentina and before going to that post spent two years in Egypt as a colleague of Lord Cromer.

Mr. Penfield is a man of unusual attainments, holds a number of degrees and foreign decorations and is an author of note. He is a member of many New York clubs, including the New York Yacht club.

Mr. Penfield has been twice married. His second wife was Mrs. Anne Weightman Walker of Philadelphia, daughter of the late William Weightman, whose fortune is estimated at from \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000. The entire fortune descended to the daughter.

### James Hazen Hyde in a New Role.

Tiring of a life of elegant leisure and with money to burn, James Hazen Hyde, formerly of New York and now of the Bois de Boulogne, Paris, has taken to the lecture platform in the gay French capital. In that center of culture lecture audiences are critical, and Mr. Hyde has studied the styles of the greatest orators of the present day in France and combines them as far as possible in delivery of his addresses.

Mr. Hyde does not lecture on any question which does not bear upon



JAMES HAZEN HYDE

France and the United States. He looks upon French civilization as a continuation of that of ancient Rome. And his object is to turn as much as possible of it in the direction of America.

To open wider the way for this he lectures on the role of France in the development of the United States.

Mr. Hyde dresses especially for the lecture platform. He wears a coat so well fitting that it suggests corsets, and he shows a chest development which

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## MOUNTCASTLE PASSES AWAY

Death Claims a Distinguished East Tennessean.

## NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Knoxville Attorney Had Been a Prominent Figure in State Politics, and Was Three Times Elected National Committeeman—Was Law Partner for Year of United States Senator John K. Shields.

Knoxville, Aug. 9.—R. E. L. Mountcastle, member of the law firm of Shields, Cates & Mountcastle, democratic national committeeman for Tennessee and one of the best known attorneys and men of affairs in politics in the state, died Friday night at 11:30 o'clock at the Lincoln Memorial hospital, Knoxville.

News of Mr. Mountcastle's grave condition became quite generally known over the city Friday, and friends were besieged during the early night with telephone inquiries as to his condition. He was almost as generally known over the state as in Knoxville, and was also well known in political circles at Washington and not only Knoxville, but Tennessee and national capital will be grieved this morning at the announcement of his passing away.

Mr. Mountcastle was a victim of uremia, an acute form of Bright's disease. He underwent an operation for hemorrhoids at the Lincoln Memorial hospital on Monday, July 28th. The operation was apparently successful, and Mr. Mountcastle was recovering so rapidly that physicians planned for him to be removed to his home on Laurel avenue last Tuesday. But complications arose, uremia developed, and his condition became serious. Thursday it became grave, and Friday it was realized that he was dying. Mr. Mountcastle himself realized this about noon Friday and gave certain directions that he desired to have followed after he had answered death's summons. About midnight he passed into unconsciousness and never was again quite conscious. At times he gave evidence of recognizing members of his sorrowing family gathered about his bedside, but could not speak. At 11:30 o'clock, he passed into the beyond, surrounded by all the members of his family, some of his closest friends, among them his associate, General Chas. T. Cates, Jr., and the physicians who had attended him.

No arrangements have been made as to the funeral, except the burial will be in Knoxville. The funeral will probably be conducted Sunday. Robert Edward Lee Mountcastle was born in Jefferson City, Tenn., Feb. 21, 1865, being at the time of his death in his forty-ninth year. He was the son of the late A. J. and Cornelia F. Williams Mountcastle. In 1880, Mr. Mountcastle took his degree of A. B. at Carson and Newman college, Jefferson City, after which he attended Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., graduating from there with the A. B. degree in 1882. He then read law, and in 1885 was admitted to the state bar, and began practicing at Lynchburg, in Moore county. In 1882 he moved to Morristown and formed a partnership with James T. Shields and the present United States senator, John K. Shields. He remained in Morristown until 1903, when he came to Knoxville and became a member of the law firm of Shields, Cates & Mountcastle. Since Mr. Mountcastle had been actively engaged in the practice of law and had been associated in some of the most important litigation in the state. He has also on several occasions served as special judge.

In 1904, Mr. Mountcastle was elected democratic national committeeman from Tennessee, and held that position at the time of his death, having been twice re-elected. From 1900 to 1904 he was a member of the Tennessee state democratic executive committee, and was also a district delegate to the democratic national convention at Chicago in 1892. He was appointed to the staff of Governor James B. Frazier in January, 1903.

The deceased was one of the most

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